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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 is hereby amended. Claims 7-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 19-23 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 7. New independent claim 19 includes features of original claims 1 and 5. Claims 20-23 track original claims 2, 3, 6 and 7. Claims 1-6 and 19-23 are pending.

Specification

The title of the invention was considered not descriptive. The title has been amended to read "MAGNETO-OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME BY INITIALIZING WITH A LASER HAVING A PREDETERMINED WAVELENGTH".

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (US 2003/0081510) in view of Hashimoto (US 6,177,175) and Knight et al. (US 6,449,221), and further evidenced by Tsutsui et al. (US 2001/0005535). Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitation recited in claim 7. Therefore, rejection is rendered moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. in view of Hashimoto, Knight et al. and Tsutsui et al. and further in view of Morita et al. (US 5,991,258). This rejection is rendered moot, as claim 18 has been canceled. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)371.5237.

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